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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 28, 2001, the following Supplemental Response sets forth the claim amendments made in the Applicants' previous responses dated April 4, 2001, and October 5, 2001, in proper form.

In the Claims

21. (Twice Amended) A method for concurrently generating a secondary amplification product and an amplification product in a primer based nucleic acid amplification reaction, the method comprising:

a) hybridizing a signal primer to a target sequence and hybridizing a first amplification primer to the target sequence upstream of the signal primer, wherein a characteristic of said signal primer is that it may not function as an amplification primer;